









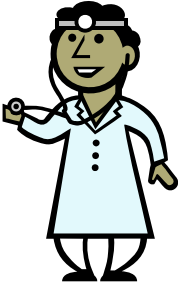



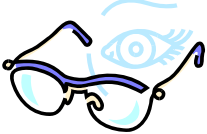








## DESCRIPTIONS OF THE BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSION






| <i><b>BOARD/COMMITTEE<br/>/COMMISSION</b></i>  | <i><b>DESCRIPTION</b></i>  |
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| <p><b>Accountancy, Board of</b></p>  <p><i>(15 Members – 8 public)</i></p>          | <p>The Board's legal mandate is to regulate the accounting profession for the public interest by establishing and maintaining entry standards of qualification and conduct within the accounting profession, primarily through its authority to license.</p>   |
| <p><b>Acupuncture Board</b></p>  <p><i>(7 Members – 4 public)</i></p>              | <p>Acupuncture is a theory and method for treatment of illness and disability and for strengthening and invigorating the body. Because acupuncture affects the public health, safety, and welfare, individuals practicing it are subject to state regulation and control.</p>  |
| <p><b>California Architects Board</b></p>  <p><i>(10 Members – 5 public)</i></p>  | <p>The Board protects the public health, safety, and welfare through the regulation of the practice of architecture and landscape architecture services by ensuring all licensees meet the required threshold of competency and that those who engage in fraudulent business practices are disciplined.</p>            |
| <p><b>Landscape Architects Technical Committee</b></p>  <p><i>(5 Members)</i></p> | <p>The Landscape Architects Technical Committee, under the purview of the California Architects Board, was created to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public by establishing standards of licensure and the enforcing of laws and regulations which govern the profession of landscape architecture.</p> |

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| <p><b>Athletic Commission</b></p>  <p><i>(7 Members)</i></p>   | <p>The Commission regulates professional and amateur boxing and full-contact martial arts throughout the state by licensing all participants and by supervising of the events.</p>  |
| <p><b>Behavioral Sciences, Board of</b></p> <p><i>(11 Members – 6 public)</i></p>   | <p>The Board regulates marriage, family, and child counselors; licensed clinical social workers; licensed educational psychologists; and associate clinical social workers.</p>   |
| <p><b>Contractors State License Board</b></p>  <p><i>(15 Members – 10 public)</i></p>                              | <p>The Contractors State License Board licenses and regulates contractors in 43 classifications that constitute the construction industry. The Board also registers home improvement salespersons. They also investigate consumer complaints against licensed and unlicensed contractors.</p> |
| <p><b>Court Reporters Board of California</b></p>  <p><i>(5 Members – 3 public)</i></p>                          | <p>The Court Reporters Board of California has oversight of the court reporting profession. The Board carries out this mission by testing, licensing and disciplining court reporters, and by recognizing the schools of court reporting that meet state curriculum standards.</p>            |
| <p><b>Dental Auxiliaries, Committee on</b></p>  <p><i>(9 Members – 1 public)<br/>All governor appointees</i></p> | <p>The Committee administers the examination, qualification, and licensing processes related to four main license classifications of dental auxiliaries for the Board. They also advise the Dental Bureau on auxiliary issues.</p>  |
| <p><b>Engineers &amp; Land Surveyors, Board for Professional</b></p> <p><i>(13 Members – 7 public)</i></p>  | <p>The Board safeguards the life, health, property, and public welfare by regulating the practice of professional engineering and professional land surveying.</p>  |

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| <p><b>Geologists &amp; Geophysicists, Board for</b></p>  <p><i>(7 Members – 4 public)</i></p> | <p>The Board protects the health, safety, and welfare of the public by examining and licensing geologists and geophysicists and certifying engineering geologists and hydrogeologists in California.</p>   |
| <p><b>Guide Dogs for the Blind, Board of</b></p> <p><i>(7 Members – 7 public)</i><br/>All governor appointees</p>  | <p>The Board is responsible for regulation of guide dog schools, instructors, and fundraising.</p>   |
| <p><b>Hearing Aid Dispensers Advisory Committee</b></p>  <p><i>(7 Members – 4 public)</i></p> | <p>The Committee protects hearing-impaired consumers from fraudulent or incompetent fitting and selling of hearing aids, prepares, administers, and grades an examination designed to evaluate competence for all professionals who fit and sell hearing aids; and enforce the Hearing Aid Dispensers Licensing Law.</p>   |
| <p><b>Landscape Architects Technical Committee</b></p>   | <p>See the California Architects Board.</p>  |
| <p><b>Medical Board of California</b></p>  <p><i>(21 Members – 9 public)</i></p>            | <p>The Medical Board of California is the State agency that licenses medical doctors, investigates complaints, disciplines those who violate the law, conducts physician evaluations, and facilitates rehabilitation where appropriate.</p> <p>The Board performs similar functions for affiliated healing arts professions including registered dispensing opticians, spectacle lens dispensers, contact lens dispensers, licensed midwives, and research psychoanalysts.</p> |

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| <p><b>Naturopathic Medicine</b></p>  <p><i>(9 Members – 3 public)</i></p>                                   | <p>The Bureau administers the Naturopathic Doctors Act. This law specifies various standards for the licensure and regulation of naturopathic medicine that the Bureau will enforce.</p> <p>Naturopathic medicine is a distinct and comprehensive system of primary health care practiced by a naturopathic doctor for the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of human health conditions, injuries, and disease through the application of natural remedies.</p>   |
| <p><b>Occupational Therapy, California Board of</b></p> <p><i>(7 Members – 3 public)</i></p>   | <p>The Board licenses Occupational Therapists and certifies Occupational Therapist Assistants. Occupational Therapists work with people experiencing difficult medical conditions or disabilities to develop, improve or restore functional daily living skills.</p>   |
| <p><b>Optometry, Board of</b></p>  <p><i>(11 Members – 3 public)</i></p>                                   | <p>The Board administers the Optometry Practice Act, conducting licensing examinations; issuing licenses for the practice of optometry, and issuing fictitious name permits, as well as statement of licensure.</p>  |
| <p><b>Osteopathic Medical Board</b></p>  <p><i>(7 Members – 2 public)<br/>All governor appointees</i></p> | <p>The Board protects consumers through proper licensing and regulating of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons.</p> <p>Osteopathic medicine provides all of the benefits of modern medicine including prescription drugs, surgery, and the use of technology to diagnose disease and evaluate injury. It also offers the added benefit of hands-on diagnosis and treatment through a system of therapy known as osteopathic manipulative medicine. Osteopathic Medicine emphasizes helping each person achieve a high level of wellness by focusing on health education, injury prevention and disease prevention.</p> |

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| <p><b>Pharmacy, Board of</b></p>  <p><i>(11 Members – 4 public)</i></p>                  | <p>The Board protects and promotes the health and safety of Californians by pursuing the highest quality of pharmacist's care and the appropriate use of pharmaceuticals through education, communication, licensing, legislation, regulation, and enforcement.</p>                             |
| <p><b>Physical Therapy Board of California</b></p>  <p><i>(7 Members – 3 public)</i></p> | <p>The Board protects the consumer by administering and enforcing the Physical Therapy Practice Act and by ensuring that physical therapy is provided by qualified, competent physical therapists and their supportive personnel.</p>   |
| <p><b>Physician Assistant Committee</b></p>  <p><i>(9 Members – 4 public)</i></p>        | <p>The Physician Assistant Committee licenses physician assistants, processes application for approval of supervising physicians, approves physician assistant training programs, investigates complaints, and disciplines those who violate the law.</p>                                       |
| <p><b>Podiatric Medicine, Board of</b></p>  <p><i>(7 Members – 3 public)</i></p>       | <p>The Board is the unit of the Medical Board that protects consumers by licensing, setting education standards, approving schools and postgraduate programs, and enforcing the Medical Practice Act in regards to Podiatric medical doctors.</p>   |
| <p><b>Psychology, Board of</b></p> <p><i>(9 Members – 4 public)</i></p>   | <p>The Board of Psychology protects the health, safety, and welfare of consumers of psychological services through licensure, consumer education, and dissemination of regulatory information.</p>  |
| <p><b>Registered Nursing, Board of</b></p>  <p><i>(9 Members – 3 public)</i></p>       | <p>The California Board of Registered Nursing regulates the practice of registered nursing and certified advanced practice nurses in order to protect the public. The Board exists to protect the health and safety of consumers and promote quality registered nursing care in California.</p> |

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| <p><b>Respiratory Care Board</b></p>  <p><i>(9 Members – 4 public)</i></p>  | <p>The Board protects and serves the consumer by administering and enforcing the Respiratory Care Practice Act and its regulations in the interest of the safe practice of respiratory care.</p>   |
| <p><b>Security and Investigative Services, Bureau of (BSIS)</b></p>   | <p>The role of the Bureau is to protect consumers, through the regulation of the following industries: alarm companies, locksmiths, private investigators, private patrol/security guards, proprietary security, repossessioners, training facilities and training instructors.</p>  |
| <p><b>Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Bureau</b></p> <p><i>(9 Members – 3 public)</i></p>  | <p>The Bureau protects the public health, safety, and welfare through the appropriate regulation of the practices of speech-language pathology and audiology.</p>  |
| <p><b>Structural Pest Control Board</b></p>  <p><i>(7 Members – 4 public)</i></p>  | <p>The Board examines, licenses, and regulates persons practicing structural pest control and ensures that they have the necessary skills and knowledge to properly inspect structures.</p>  |
| <p><b>Veterinary Medical Board (Registered Veterinary Technician Examining Committee)</b></p>  <p><i>(7 Members – 3 public)</i></p> | <p>The Board regulates the practice of veterinary medicine through licensing, examination, and enforcement of the rules and regulations governing veterinary medicine. The Committee is mandated to ensure the competency of registered veterinary technicians through examination, and inspect and approve all private schools or institutions that train veterinary technicians.</p> |
| <p><b>Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians, Bureau of</b></p>  <p><i>(11 Members – 6 public)</i></p>                      | <p>The Bureau is responsible for protecting the public's health, safety and welfare by ensuring that only qualified persons become licensed vocational nurses and psychiatric technicians and that required education, competency, and practice standards are established and enforced.</p>  |